



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 30, 2005

H.R. 3929

Dana Point Desalination Project Authorization Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on November 16, 2005

SUMMARY

H.R. 3929 would authorize the appropriation of \$2.5 million for research and development, environmental and feasibility studies, and preliminary engineering to assist the Municipal Water District of Orange County develop a desalination plant in Dana Point, California. The authority would terminate within 10 years and the federal share of the project's studies and initial engineering costs could not exceed 25 percent.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3929 would cost \$2.5 million over the 2006-2007 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3929 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would authorize funding for desalination activities that would benefit the water district in Orange County, California. Any costs to the water district would result from complying with conditions for receiving federal assistance.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3929 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 3929 will be enacted near the end of calendar year 2005 and that the authorized amount will be appropriated in fiscal year 2006. Based on historical spending patterns of similar projects, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost \$2.5 million over the 2006-2007 period.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	3	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	1	0	0	0

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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